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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY MANIFESTO AND LABOR'S AFRICAN  
POLICY

1. SUMMARY. SECTION OF LABOR PARTY ELECTION MAINFESTO  
DEALING WITH AFRICA REITERATES PARTS OF MAINFESTO IS-  
SUED EARLIER IN YEAR, AFFIRMS ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH  
AFRICA, PROMISES LABOR GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO END IL-  
LEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND ATTEMPTS  
TO SHOW THAT LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE PROGRESS  
IN POLICIES IT ENUNCIATED FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING LAST  
ELECTION. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER REITERATING OPPOSITION TO ALL FORMS OF RACIAL

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DISCRIMINATION AND COLONIALISM NEW MANIFESTO AFFIRMS  
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN

AFRICA." SAME POLICIES WERE PART OF PREVIOUS MANIFESTO ALTHOUGH SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TURNED OUT TO BE VERY LOW KEY AND DISCREET EXCEPT FOR OFFERING VENUE FOR FIRST PAIGC TALKS WITH PORTUGAL. SINCE PORTUGUESE WORKING OUT DECOLONIZATION DIRECTLY WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THEIR COLONIES, MANIFESTO STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN ONLY APPLY TO RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA.

3. IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA, MANIFESTO NOTES THAT BY DECISION OF LABOR GOVERNMENT ARMS ARE NO LONGER BEING SUPPLIED TO THAT COUNTRY. ARMS EMBARGO AND CONTINUED PERMISSION FOR SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT OFFICIALS TO RESIDE IN AND TRANSIT UK AS WELL AS TO MEET AND DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION HERE PROBABLY INDICATE EXTENT TO WHICH NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO GO IN AID THESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. (TO EASE BURDEN ON UK COMPANIES, CONSERVATIVE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH ON SEPTEMBER 15 CLAIMED GOVERNMENT IS READY TO INDEMNIFY BRITISH FIRMS AGAINST CLAIMS IF THEY ARE FORCED TO BREAK CONTRACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF LABOR PARTY POLICY.)

4. EARLIER MANIFESTO DID NOT MENTION NAMIBIA, BUT NEW MANIFESTO CLAIMS LABOR GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO END UNLAWFUL SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION. NO MENTION IS MADE OF HOW THIS WILL BE DONE.

5. ON RHODESIA PREVIOUS MANIFESTO SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD

INTENSIFY POLICY OF SANCTION WHILE NEW MANIFESTO TAKES CREDIT FOR HAVING DONE SO. NEW MANIFESTO ALSO REITERATES PROMISE NOT TO AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA UNLESS IT HAS THE AGREEMENT OF THE "AFRICAN PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY"--EARLIER MANIFESTO SAID "WHOLEHEARTED CONSENT OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY" BUT DIFFERENCE IS PROBABLY PURELY SEMANTIC INTENDED PERHAPS TO AVOID EXACT REPETITION.

6. COMMENT: ONLY NEW ASPECTS OF LATEST LABOR MANIFESTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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ARE REAFFIRMATION OF ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA, STATEMENT ON SEEKING AN END TO ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND CLAIM THAT SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED. EMBARGO AND SANCTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS CARRIED OUT ITS PREVIOUS POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS. STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA WILL NOW PROBABLY BE FOLLOWED UP BY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF RESULTS OF REVIEW OF HMG'S LEGAL POSITION ON ICJ ADVISORY OPINION WHICH WILL BE PHRASED IN WAY TO AVOID ANY OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT MANDATORY SANCTIONS

(LONDON A-725, SEPTEMBER 12, 1974). THUS WHILE THERE IS NOTHING STARTLING IN SMALL SECTION OF MANIFESTO (ONE PARAGRAPH) DEALING WITH AFRICA, THAT IT WAS INCLUDED INDICATES LABOR CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS ON AFRICAN CONTINENT AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON BRITISH INTERESTS. BY CONTRAST LATEST CONSERVATIVE MANIFESTO DID NOT MENTION AFRICA THOUGH PREVIOUSLY CONSERVATIVES NOTED THEIR COMMITMENT TO A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.

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